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- During the  several steamrollers worked at levelling the Kurnalovo (N 41-28, E 23-14) airfield. After this work was completed, single aircraft used the field occasionally. It was reported that these aircraft were used for dusting nearby fields with DDT. About 20 Air Force personnel came into Petrich by truck from time to time.
  - Air raid shelters in Petrich are located on the south side of town, above the city park, west of the road between Petrich and the 5 Bulgarian Border Post. These shelters were constructed in 1943-1944 and were renovated during 1952. The shelters have three entrances located as follows: the first situated approximately 20 meters off the road; the second situated 50-60 meters west of the first; and the third situated approximately 10 meters west and lower than the second. The second and the third entrances are connected. The third entrance leads to a tunnel approximately 100 meters long, three meters wide and three meters high. Data on the first and second entrances are lacking. Approximately 20-30 men worked for six months during 1952 cleaning out the shelters. Details concerning the alterations are missing since access to the shelters is prohibited. Cement, concrete, and tar were prepared at the entrances and taken inside the shelters. Since 1943, these air raid shelters have been equipped with electricity. The third entrance is closed with a corrugated metal door. The second entrance is closed with an iron grating and it is reported that cheese is stored in barrels in this area. The first entrance is closed by a wooden door.
  - The Petrich Border Guards barracks house 400-500 men who are equipped with 10 ZIS trucks and five GAZ jeeps. The unit is commanded by an unidentified colonel.
  - The "Tamenuga" zastava is located one kilometer north of the old 5 Bulgarian Border Post and approximately 50-60 meters east of the Post-Petrich road. The zastava headquarters is located in a 1-story building 15-20 meters long, 5-6 meters wide,

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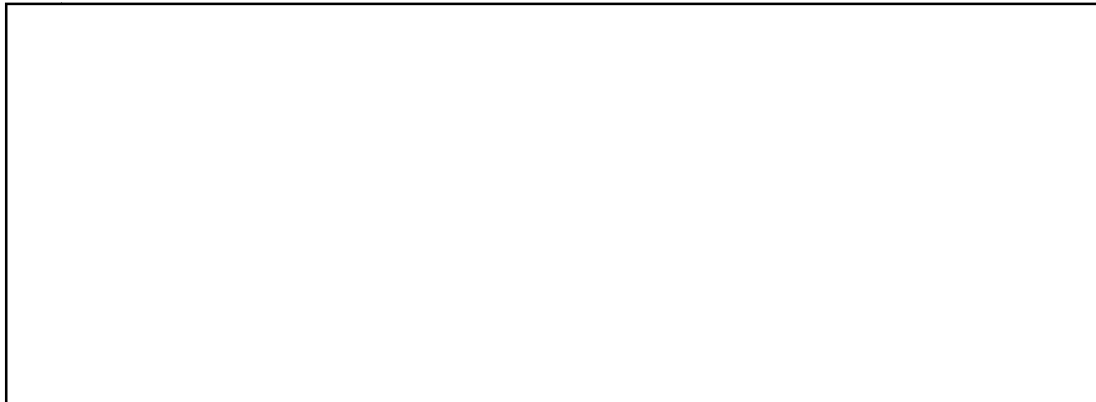
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and four meters high. The building is constructed of a stone base and a brick top. The zastava is connected to Petrich and to zastava "Karamfil" by phone. The zastava is equipped with about five dogs, at least one of which is fully trained for border work.

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5. Personnel of the "Tamenuga" zastava consists of the following:



e. 30-40 men.

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